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CERTIFICATION

A. Alternative Pathways and End of Plan Documents

The Bureau of Credentialing requests that you please keep the following in mind when compiling an Alternative 4 or 5 **End of Plan** (EOP).

Combine and scan the following elements into a single PDF file. Please avoid scanning in high-resolution or color modes as the Educator Information System file size upload limit is 15 MB.

1. Completed **End of Plan** signature page which verifies that all requirements for plan completion have been met.
2. Copy of original **Individual Professional Development Plan** (IPDP) and evidence to document completion of all activities listed. Please do not include the original assessment sheets in the EOP.
 - For each competency that was to be met through the completion of college coursework include a copy of the transcript that documents a grade of **B** or better. **An official copy of such transcripts must also be received by the Bureau directly from the institution(s) before the credential will be issued.**
 - For each competency that was to be met through participation in formal professional development activities include a copy of a certificate of attendance/participation that clearly identifies the name of the attendee, the sponsor, the subject of the activity, and date(s) of participation.
 - For each competency that was to be met through other forms of professional development include a sampling of the candidate's work that documents completion. Such a sample could include a cover page and first page of a written summary report of a professional reading or an observation experience, or a detailed outline of a research project, always citing resources where used. We do not require hundreds of pages of peripheral documentation or material that is not specifically the work of the candidate related to meeting an identified competency.

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DATA AND DATA TRAINING SESSIONS

A. Data Submissions

a) This is a reminder that several submissions are due to the NH DOE, Bureau of Data Management soon.

1. **Form MS-22** (Report of Appropriations Actually Voted) for each school district **within 20 days of the close of the school district meeting** as required by RSA 198:4-a, II.
2. **A copy of the school district meeting minutes, warrants and official results of all votes taken.**

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b) The following data collections are submitted through myNHDOE in the Education Statistics System (ESS):

1. **2016-17 School Calendar** - Suggested School Calendar for 2016-17 can be found at www.education.nh.gov/data/miscell.htm (bottom of the page). – **Due April 15, 2016**
2. **School Board Membership** list for each district for 2016-17. If new School Board Officers have not been chosen by April 15, 2016, update ESS as soon as they are available. – **Due April 15, 2016**
3. **Teacher Salary Schedule** for 2016-17 – **Due April 15, 2016**

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B. Early Warning System

The latest version of the Early Warning System is available through the myNHDOE Single Sign-on System. The Early Warning System enables Superintendents, Principals, guidance counselors and educators to view their students in grades 4 through 12 sorted by an early warning risk level based upon academic achievement, absences, mobility and student discipline (suspensions). Recently added indicators for grades 10-12 include the cumulative grade point average and cumulative credit hours. These key data indicators help to identify students who should be provided additional support. Please see your i4see coordinator for access to the Early Warning System.

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GRANTS and REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

ALL RFPs Can be Found on the Department Website at
www.education.nh.gov/rfp/index.htm

A. New Hampshire Assistive Technology in Education Initiative

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, is seeking proposals to work in conjunction with the Bureau of Special Education to develop and implement a statewide assistive technology technical assistance and professional development system designed to increase the implementation of effective practices to address New Hampshire student's assistive technology needs in education. Deadline for receipt of proposals: 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2016.

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B. Student Assistance Program

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Services, is accepting applications from vendors to implement Student Assistance Programs to increase the state's existing prevention system and its resources and capacities to reduce substance abuse and misuse in communities with high need, high risk of underage drinking among persons aged 12 to 20, and prescription drug misuse and abuse and illicit opioid misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25. Closing date for proposals is March 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. For more information please download www.dhhs.nh.gov/business/rfp/documents/rfp-2017-bdas-01-stude.pdf or contact, Cathy Cormier, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services at (603) 271-9076 or cacormier@dhhs.state.nh.us.

HEARINGS

Ed 507.40 – Ed 507.45 and Ed 612.08 – Ed 612.13 (Special Education Teacher in Area of Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities)

There will be a public hearing on March 24, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the State Board Room at the NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. The deadline for written comment is April 7, 2016.

Ed 507.48 and Ed 612.31 (Family and Consumer Science Education Teacher and Preparation Program)

There will be a public hearing on March 24, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the State Board Room at the NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. The deadline for written comment is April 7, 2016.

INNOVATIONS/INITIATIVES

A. Take the Pledge to Become a New Hampshire Future Ready School

The Future Ready Schools Initiative is a bold new effort to maximize digital learning opportunities and help school districts move quickly toward preparing students for success in college, a career, and citizenship. The US Department of Education initiative will provide districts with resources and support to ensure that local technologies and digital learning plans align with best practices in teaching and learning. When implemented by highly trained teachers, digital learning leads to personalized learning experiences for all students, particularly those from traditionally underserved communities.

New Hampshire Superintendents are encouraged to ***Take the Pledge*** to commit to implementing meaningful changes that transition your schools toward a digital learning that supports teachers and students with becoming future ready.

To learn more about ***Future Ready Schools*** and take the pledge, visit <http://futureready.org/about-the-effort/take-the-pledge/>.

To learn more about ***Future Ready Schools in New Hampshire***, visit <http://nheon.org/futureready>.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY

A. Educator Support and Evaluation Systems

On February 11th the NH DOE issued a technical assistance advisory regarding Educator Support and Evaluation Systems. The purpose of this advisory is to: 1) confirm that the requirement included in the NH ESEA Flexibility Waiver – regarding 20 percent student performance weight be included in an educator's evaluation – is not included in the reauthorized Every Student Succeeds Act; 2) remind the reader that there remain areas in the Ed Rules that still require districts to utilize measurable student learning outcomes in developing Individual Professional Development Plans and Local Professional Development Master Plans; and 3) encourage districts to continue to think about the integrated role that

measurable student learning outcomes should play in a student-centered educator support and evaluation system, even without the 20 percent requirement.

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B. School Health Services

On February 9th the NH DOE issued a technical assistance advisory regarding School Health Services. This advisory, as well as previous advisories, can be found on the Department's Web site at www.education.nh.gov/standards/tech_advisories.htm.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Computer Science (CS) for All

CS for All is the President's bold new initiative to empower all American students from kindergarten through high school to learn computer science and be equipped with the computational thinking skills they need to be creators in the digital economy, not just consumers, and to be active citizens in our technology-driven world. Our economy is rapidly shifting, and both educators and business leaders are increasingly recognizing that CS is a "new basic" skill necessary for economic opportunity and social mobility. For more information about this initiative go to <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/01/30/computer-science-all>.

- **CSPdWeek is July 18 - 22, 2016**

There are thousands of educators teaching Computer Science across the country: teachers in large urban districts, small rural ones, cohorts of CS teachers and lone-wolf educators working on their own. CSPdWeek is for every teacher, regardless of where they teach, what program they teach or how well-funded their district is. CSPdWeek is sponsored by the Infosys Foundation, with support from the National Science Foundation, the National Center for Women & IT and the Computer Science Teachers Association. Thanks to their generous support full-scholarships to teachers and counselors who participate are available. This includes travel, dorm room accommodations, food, training, materials and a stipend for those who attend. For more information about workshops being offered during CSPd week or to apply go to www.cspdweek.org.

B. NH ConnectED Professional Development Calendar

NH ConnectEd is a project of the NH Society for Technology in Education (www.NHSTE.org). Events from participating educational organizations are posted on this calendar for your convenience. NHSTE is connecting with a variety of professional organizations to develop their collaborative professional development calendar. If your educational organization would like to participate in NH ConnectEd, contact the Office of Educational Technology for details. Professional development opportunities are also shared on the NH ConnectED Listserv. Join at <http://mylist.net/listinfo/nhconnected>. View the NH ConnectED calendar at <https://nhoetnews.wordpress.com/events-calendar/>.

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C. Developing a High Quality Emergency Operations Plan Workshop

The Department of Education and its partner agency, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, are providing training and technical assistance to local School Administrative Units (SAUs) for the development and implementation of high quality Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs). At the conclusion of this workshop participants will be able to generate a high quality EOP for their school district that is both NIMS and RSA 189:64 compliant. This training is a free course which will result in a certificate upon completion. The next training will take place in Littleton/Whitefield on April 13th from 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. To register go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FXDN8BR>.

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D. Media Power Youth Training in Media Literacy for Safe and Healthy Choices Curriculum

Media Power Youth invites you to attend one of their upcoming media literacy curriculum trainings. All educators who complete this hands-on, interactive training will receive eight professional development hours and a copy of the curriculum, Media Literacy for Safe and Healthy Choices. Designed to be delivered by upper elementary school staff; classroom teachers, teaching teams, guidance, health, media specialists or others, their evidence based curriculum has a strong focus on literacy, discussion, analysis, reflection and critical thinking skills. Lessons include hands on creation of media and supplemental activities to build media literacy skills across multiple content areas. The trainings will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on March, 25th (North Country Educational Services, Gorham) and April 1st (Valley Regional Hospital, Claremont). To register or for more information go to <http://mediapoweryouth.org>.

E. NH Teachers of Mathematics (NHTM) 2016 Annual Spring Conference: March Forth with R Two Q Two (Rigor and Relevance with Quality Questioning)

This conference taking place on March 18th at Keene State College intends to March Forth with improving mathematics education. Keynote speaker Eric K. Feldborg will lead the march, on the importance of STEM in today's math classroom. The remainder of the conference is filled with over thirty concurrent sessions for all mathematics levels. The sessions vary in style from table talk and book study discussions to lesson preparations. Session interests include, but are not limited to, technology and science integration, questioning techniques, creating rich math tasks, and getting students to talk about math. More information including registration information can be found at the NHTM Web site at www.nhmathteachers.org.

F. Self-Paced Tutorials Available Online From OPEN NH

In an effort to assist schools in providing training for ALL school related employees, volunteers, substitute teachers and others, NH e-Learning for Educators Project offers short online tutorial training on a variety of subjects. Each tutorial will earn professional development hours upon successful completion that can be used for re-certification and licensing continuing education units.

- **Bullying Awareness and Prevention**, a 3-hour self-paced tutorial, \$10.00
- **The NH 3 Tiered Bullying Prevention and Intervention Model**, a 5-hour self-paced tutorial, \$25.00

- **Substitute Teaching: Tools and Tips for Success**, a 5-hour self-paced tutorial, \$25.00
- **Ten Technology Skills for Learning and Teaching**, a 15-hour self-paced tutorial, \$75.00
- **Developing Successful Online Teaching and Learning Practices**, a 10-hour self-paced tutorial, \$50.00

Other tutorials are currently in development. For more information about the tutorials and online registration, visit <http://nheon.org/opennh/tutorials/index.html>.

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G. OPEN NH Spring 2016 Session Online Professional Development Courses

Registrations are now being accepted for the **OPEN NH Spring 2016 Session** courses. The seven week, 35 hour online professional development courses begin on April 6th and continue through May 24th. The registration fee for OPEN NH professional development courses is \$130, with early bird fee of \$120 in effect through March 22, 2016. The list of OPEN NH professional development courses offered during the upcoming OPEN NH Sessions can be found on the Web site at www.opennh.org, select Courses, select Current Course Schedule. Graduate credits are available through Plymouth State University at additional per credit cost \$30 registration fee. Online registration is only available for individuals. OPEN NH offers a variety of group discount deals for SAUs, districts, or schools. Cohorts must use a single group registration form via email to the OPEN NH Project Coordinator. Details for both procedures are available on the website at www.opennh.org. OPEN NH is part of the NH e-Learning for Educators Project, a program of the New Hampshire Department of Education.

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H. School Resource Officer Conference/Workshop

NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management is offering this full day workshop and conference designed for School Resource Officers and Law Enforcement Agencies that may have a role in school security. It is being held in Concord (place TBD) on April 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register or for more information e-mail schoolreadiness@dos.nh.gov.

RESOURCES

A. STEM from the START

STEM from the START is an innovative, online video-plus-activities curriculum for PreK-2 learners. Featuring kid-friendly animated characters called QUINKS, STEM from the START nurtures and focuses students' natural curiosity and love of discovery, while laying the groundwork for ongoing success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) subjects. <http://nhptv.org/stem>.

OTHER

Doris Barnes Retired Educator Lifetime Achievement Award

The “Doris Barnes Retired Educator Lifetime Achievement Award” was created to honor a retired teacher or teachers who have continued to work with youth and the betterment of public education after his/her retirement as has the person for whom it is named. Doris, was a founding member of the “ED”ies board. A nominee must be retired after spending a minimum of 20 years as a full time educator. It is also expected that the nominee can describe how they have stayed involved working with youth or on other vital issues related to education since retirement. A nominee information sheet can be downloaded from www.edies.org/doris-barnes. The nomination deadline is April 8, 2016.

National Youth Science Camp – Deadline Extension

Applications to represent New Hampshire at the 2016 National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) are open. Two high school seniors will receive a full scholarship to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds in Charleston, West Virginia, from June 15 through July 10, 2016. The nearly month-long experience includes lectures and hands-on research projects presented by scientists from across the nation; overnight camping trips into the Monogahela National Forest; and a visit to Washington, D.C. The selected delegates must not only demonstrate academic achievement in science, but also show potential for thoughtful scientific leadership.

The NYSC experience is offered at no cost to its participants, so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status. Delegates arrive in. Deadline to apply is March 16, 2016. For more information or to apply go to www.nysc.org.

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2016 NH Poetry Out Loud Competition Schedule

Nearly 10,000 high school-aged students from 42 high schools and home school groups have registered for the **2016 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud Program**. Now in its 11th year, Poetry Out Loud, a program of the NH State Council on the Arts, is a national arts education initiative that encourages students to learn about, memorize, and present poetry – out loud. High school champions advance to regional semi-final competitions; top semi-finalists compete for the title of State Champion. The State Championship will take place on March 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at NH State House, Representatives Hall (snow date: 3/22/16). To learn more contact Catherine O’Brian, NH State Council on the Arts, (603) 271-0795 or Catherine.R.Obrian@dcr.nh.gov, or visit: www.nh.gov/nharts or www.poetryoutloud.org.

2016 NH High School Short Film Festival

The New Hampshire Film and Television Office has announced that it will be accepting submissions for the 2016 New Hampshire High School Short Film Festival from March 1 through March 31. Films must be produced exclusively by students in grades 9-12 who are currently attending a New Hampshire public or private high school, or who are residents of New Hampshire and enrolled in high school elsewhere. New Hampshire homeschooled students ages 14-18 are also eligible. Rules and guidelines, film submission forms and other information about the New Hampshire High School Short Film Festival can be found online at www.nhstudentfilm.com.

Keene State College March and April Workshops

The Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College is offering two workshops. To register or for more information go to www.keene.edu/academics/ah/cchqs/teach/for-teachers/workshops.

Projects Learning Tree, Project WET and Project WILD Workshop

Project WILD, Project WET and Project Learning Tree are international activity-based, supplementary curricula that support the teaching of conservation and environmental education concepts. Targeting classroom teachers and non-formal educators, activities focus on wildlife, water and forests and are both interactive and interdisciplinary. Activities can be readily infused into everyday school subjects and busy classrooms. All activities are aligned with national and state curriculum frameworks. This workshop is taking place Saturday, March 19, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the NH Fish and Game Headquarters in Concord, NH. To register or for more information go to <http://www.nhplt.org/index.php/calendar/event/69/>.

The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire Open House

The Aviation Museum of NH staff is accepting registrations for 2016-2017. *Virtual Skies*, their Aviation Education high school course, is free to participants. The course of study, based on a NASA program called Virtual Skies, is taught at the museum three days a week. They will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more information go to www.aviationmuseumofnh.org/events/199-aviation-education-open-house-wednesday-april-8-2015.

2016 Arts in Education Grant Awards

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts has announced that seven schools and five service organizations have been awarded grants through its Artist Residencies in Schools and Youth Arts Project Grant programs. The NHSCA's Artist Residencies in Schools grants fund artist residencies that bring juried teaching artists into classrooms and public schools, supporting creative learning and skills development in the arts. Youth Arts Project Grants fund high-quality arts and cultural programs that encourage creativity, develop new arts skills and foster success for young people beyond the normal school day, in or outside of the school. For more information about these awards go to www.nh.gov/nhculture/mediaroom/2016/artseducation_awards.htm.

- Grant applications are currently being accepted for both grant programs, to fund projects taking place during the 2016-2017 school year. April 8th is the deadline to apply for Artist Residency in School grants; April 15th is the deadline to apply for Youth Arts Project grants. The NHSCA uses an online grant application. Paper applications will not be accepted. For more information contact Catherine O'Brian, at (603) 271-0795, or visit www.nh.gov/nharts

Focus on Educator Effectiveness: REL Northeast & Islands & New Hampshire

A video about the work that has been done with the REL, the New Hampshire Department of Education, and the Manchester School District. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKewCRXWAQM&feature=youtu.be>.